

**NOVEMBER WHEAT FORECAST, 1938-39.** 3,065,000 (3,161,739) acres, 31,300,000 (43,428,423) Bush. Average 10.21 (13.73) Bush. per acre. Decrease 96,739 acres, 12,128,423 bushels, average 3.52 bushels.

**METHODS OF COLLECTION.** Particulars of areas intended to be sown were obtained from each Farmer at the February-April collection of statistics and modified by reports received after the completion of seeding.

For the present estimate, approximately 130 police officers furnished reports on the 400 principal wheat districts in the State, giving the estimated yield per acre and a summary of the conditions.

**RAINFALL - AGRICULTURAL AREAS.** April-Oct. 1938 - 9.81, Mean 11.67 ins.

Summarised for the whole of the Agricultural Areas of the State the rainfall for April was well above the 33 years' mean with 2.13 (.90) inches, while May was below to a similar extent .62 (1.77). June, July and August were each approximately equal to the mean, the net result being that the April-August rainfall for 1938 was 8.51 inches, mean 8.66 inches, and prospects were then exceptionally promising. Unfortunately, September registered only .44 (1.70) and October .86 (1.31) inches, the October average being influenced by the heavy falls in the Northern districts towards the end of the month. These good rains were too late for many of the crops in the Upper North Division, which had only received 3.95 (7.03) inches to the end of September, the October fall being 2.70 (.89). The Murray Mallee only registered 6.92 (9.58) inches to the end of October, the fall for September and October combined being only .35 (2.87). For the other Divisions, the April-October rain compared with the mean was - Central 12.02 (14.94), Lower North 9.56 (11.26) and Western 9.76 (10.24) inches. The Western had registered 8.92 (7.86) inches during April-August and crops were looking splendid. Rust has been reported though not serious, but grasshoppers are bad in the far northern districts. The showers at end of October and early November, with cool weather, have been very helpful, but the dry spring and hot winds were too severe for late sown crops, especially in the marginal districts and those not on fallow. A larger area, including many of the best crops, is being cut for hay

**SUMMARY FOR 1937-38 AND 1938-39 IN EACH DIVISION AND PRINCIPAL COUNTIES.**

| Division      | ACREAGE (1000) |         | YIELD (1000Bush) |         | PER ACRE |         |
|---------------|----------------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|               | 1937-38        | 1938-39 | 1937-38          | 1938-39 | 1937-38  | 1938-39 |
| CENTRAL       | 529            | 485     | 8,744            | 6,390   | 16.5     | 13.2    |
| LOWER NORTH   | 775            | 735     | 14,235           | 10,280  | 18.4     | 14.0    |
| UPPER NORTH   | 301            | 270     | 3,926            | 1,880   | 13.0     | 6.9     |
| SOUTH EASTERN | 43             | 45      | 895              | 690     | 20.8     | 15.4    |
| WESTERN       | 824            | 860     | 7,713            | 8,265   | 9.4      | 9.6     |
| MURRAY MALLEE | 690            | 670     | 7,915            | 3,795   | 11.5     | 5.7     |
| TOTAL         | 3,162          | 3,065   | 43,428           | 31,300  | 13.7     | 10.2    |

  

| County     | 1937-38       |                      | 1938-39       |                      | County    | 1937-38       |                      | 1938-39       |                      |
|------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
|            | Bush.<br>,000 | Bush.<br>per<br>acre | Bush.<br>,000 | Bush.<br>per<br>acre |           | Bush.<br>,000 | Bush.<br>per<br>acre | Bush.<br>,000 | Bush.<br>per<br>acre |
| Eyre       | 779           | 9.6                  | 490           | 6.5                  | Dufferin  | 414           | 5.8                  | 490           | 7.0                  |
| Fergusson  | 2,995         | 19.4                 | 2,400         | 17.1                 | Flinders  | 1,129         | 15.7                 | 1,100         | 14.7                 |
| Gawler     | 2,203         | 19.0                 | 1,375         | 13.1                 | Jervois   | 2,105         | 11.3                 | 2,300         | 11.2                 |
| Light      | 1,717         | 18.3                 | 1,360         | 16.0                 | Le Hunte  | 925           | 8.8                  | 935           | 8.5                  |
| Daly       | 4,940         | 16.7                 | 3,160         | 11.5                 | Musgrave  | 825           | 13.7                 | 845           | 13.2                 |
| Stanley    | 4,889         | 20.6                 | 3,660         | 15.9                 | Robinson  | 1,088         | 8.7                  | 950           | 7.6                  |
| Victoria   | 3,799         | 19.0                 | 3,020         | 15.9                 | Way       | 368           | 4.2                  | 655           | 7.3                  |
| Dalhousie  | 1,244         | 13.7                 | 755           | 8.4                  | Albert    | 1,776         | 10.2                 | 690           | 4.3                  |
| Frome      | 2,413         | 15.9                 | 1,040         | 7.7                  | Alfred    | 2,423         | 11.5                 | 1,020         | 5.1                  |
| Buckingham | 654           | 22.3                 | 495           | 16.0                 | Buccleuch | 1,146         | 9.8                  | 745           | 6.2                  |
| Buxton     | 644           | 8.2                  | 700           | 8.8                  | Chandos   | 2,239         | 15.5                 | 1,200         | 8.0                  |

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